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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BECHTEL TEAM TO NIGERIA

REF: STATE 227833; STATE 229703

1. DEPARTMENT (AF/W) REQUESTED BY BECHTEL TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO EMBASSY: QUOTE; MESSRS. GOERZ, WHALEN, DAVENPORT AND MORITZ (NOT RPT NOT NOONAN) WILL BE ARRIVING LAGOS FLYING BRITISH CALEDONIAN 357 ARRIVING 8:40 A.M. OCTOBER 2. RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AT EKO MOTEL ON VICTORIA ISLAND VIA OUR PROJECT MANAGER, MR. WEISS.

2. MEETINGS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED VIA DIRECT TELEX WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR 12:00 NOON OCTOBER 5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT EBONG AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FCDA WILL BE GOING TO JOS OCTOBER 6. WE WILL GO TO JOS IF INVITED.

3. HAVE REQUESTED DIRECTLY MEETINGS WITH AHMED JODA, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF INDUSTRIES, DURING OUR VISIT TO
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LAGOS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ASSOCIATIONS

WITH THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO DISCUSSION
HELD IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 25. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
CONTACTING JODA'S OFFICE IN THIS REGARD.

4. DURING VISITS TO LAGOS WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH PERMANENT SECRETARIES FOR WATER, AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, GAS GATHERING, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS. HOWEVER AT THIS TIME SINCE OUR MEETINGS WITH FCDA AND INDUSTRIES ARE NOT DEFINED WE WILL CONSULT WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ON THOSE MEETINGS UPON ARRIVAL.

5. IF AMBASSADOR EASUM OR COUNSELOR CAHILL AND THEIR WIV ARE AVAILABLE TO DINE WITH THE BECHTEL TEAM EVENING OF OCTOBER 2ND OR 3RD WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED. IN ANY EVENT WE WOULD PLAN TO CONSULT WITH THE EMBASSY ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.

6. OUR PRESENT PLANS ARE TO REMAIN IN NIGERIA THROUGH OCTOBER 15. FRED NOONAN, UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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